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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	: Philippe RENARD et al.)	
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Appln. No.	: 09/977,698)	
)	Examiner Merrick L. Dixon
Docket No.	: P21515)	
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Customer No.	: 7055)	
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Filed	: October 16, 2001)	
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Title	: THIN COMPOSITE LAMINATE AND)	
	USE THEREOF IN MAKING SPORTS)	
	ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY BOOTS)	

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

During a telephone conversation between Applicants' undersigned representative and Examiner Dixon on January 12, 2006, the Examiner acknowledged that the Decision on Petition, mailed January 3, 2006, directs entry of Applicants' amendment of August 23, 2005, and that no further action is necessary on the part of Applicants to avoid abandonment of the instant application.

Applicants' representative had noted that today, January 13, 2006, is the end of the inextendible six-month response period, set in the final Office action of July 13, 2006, but that the effect of the aforementioned Decision is that, based upon the indication of allowable subject matter in the aforementioned final Office action, entry of Applicants' amendment should place the instant application in condition for allowance.

More specifically, near the bottom of page 2 of the Decision, the Director of Technology Center 1700 comments that "it is clear that the amendments place the application in condition for allowance as recommended by the examiner in the final office action ..." and the final sentence of the Decision is that "[t]he examiner is directed to enter the amendment after final and take further appropriate action."

Applicants recognize that "further appropriate action" could indeed encompass something other than the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. However, Applicants submit that any further requirement, objection, or rejection would necessitate the restarting of a time period for reply.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that neither a request for extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) nor the filing of a Notice of Appeal by Applicants is necessary to maintain the instant application pending. Nevertheless, because it is the intent of Applicants not to abandon the instant application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for maintaining pendency of the instant application, including fees for extension of time and/or for a Notice of Appeal, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089, and this paper is to be construed a request for such extension and Notice of Appeal.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Rowland", written over a horizontal line.

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